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## Penn Valley president to speak on heritage

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we understand why and how we came to be who we are today."

This is not the first time Franklin has been a part of Northwest. Prior to becoming Penn Valley's president, Franklin served as the executive director of Kauffman Scholars, Inc., a non-profit initiative sponsored by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation that helps urban youth in Kansas City graduate from high school and pursue a college education.

Northwest created an annual enrichment program called, "Challenge U," in 2003. During the summer, middle and high school Kauffman Scholars spend a week on campus improving their academic skills and participating in field trips and other activities.

In addition, Franklin served as a consultant for Northwest nearly a decade ago, when the University formed strategies for diversity enhancement and globalization within the campus community.

Kent Porterfield, vice president of student affairs, has worked with Franklin during his involvement with the University.

"He's got a strong background," Porterfield said. "He's done a lot of study and research on the needs of urban youth.

"(Franklin) gave us good advice,

The presentation, "Sankofa: Looking Back to Move Forward," is free and open to the public. Hosted by Northwest's International and Intercultural Center, it is part of the University's observance of Black Achievement Month.

Franklin's presentation coincides with February's theme of celebrating past African-American achievements. He will encourage his audience to learn about and draw strengths from their heritage, no matter where they came from.

"Too many of us don't know anything about our history or how we got where we are, and that's not the best way to be," said Ame Lambert, coordinator of minority affairs.

"There's a lot to be said and a lot to be gained from knowing that there are people like you who have gone through battles and succeeded. You can kind of go back to that when things get tough."

"Sankofa" is a word from the Akan language, spoken in Ghana and the Ivory Coast in western Africa. It means, "We must go back and reclaim our past so we can move forward; so

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**MISSOURI SENATOR** Charlie Shields R-34 Tuesday showed support for more funding for capitol improvements. Shields said he believes some of Missouri's brightest students are willing to go out of state for a better quality education despite extra financial obligations.

## Money tug of war

### Governor and House Republicans not on the same page; Attorney General files lawsuit against MOHELA

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Gov. Matt Blunt and Missouri house legislators are in agreement for more funding for higher education and support the sale of Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority (MOHELA) assets.

What they can't agree on is how the money will be spent.

The proposal, outlined by Blunt last week, earmarked funding for many capitol improvement projects, including the new plant biologics center at Northwest and a new math and science building for Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Mo.

A few days later, Republican house members led by House Speaker Rod Jetton R-156, sent back a revised proposal of their own.

The proposal eliminates most capitol improvement projects for higher education institutions, including the projects at Northwest and Missouri Western.

To offset the funding, the Republican caucus proposed an additional \$190 million more towards scholarship programs. The governor proposed sending \$100 million towards scholarships.

On Tuesday the Senate Education Committee held a hearing to discuss the issues surrounding the MOHELA assets sale.

The first to testify was Missouri Commissioner of Higher Education Gregory Fitch.

Fitch told the committee this is a great opportunity for the state to

invest in itself, and that MOHELA assets would not just be handed out on a one-time basis.

Another part of the republican's proposal would send \$75 million towards paying down the state's debt. Fitch told the committee this money needs to go back into the higher education system.

"State debt was incurred by everyone," Fitch said. "We can't commit \$75 million to something other than higher education when it was made by higher education and it needs to go back into higher education. If you want to support reducing the debt, make an investment in higher education."

Missouri's higher education institutions also showed their support for the governor's proposal. Truman State University President Barbara Dixon spoke on behalf of the institutions.

She told the committee all institutions have critical needs and used an example of a building on her school's campus. Dixon gave an anecdote to the committee.

"One of our faculty members told me that building was bad when I graduated in 1979, and it hasn't improved any with age," Dixon said.

Missouri Director of Economic Development Greg Steinhoff backed Dixon and others in support of the governor's proposal. He reiterated that this is a perfect time for Missouri to invest in itself.

"There are a lot of opportunities for scholarships," Steinhoff said. "But there are very few for

Possible tenant for biologics center recently emerges

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The new Center for Excellence in Plant Biologics may have a permanent tenant by this summer.

Edenspace Systems Corporation, located in Dulles, Va., has been in discussions with Northwest President Dean Hubbard since last year when plans for the center were announced.

Eden Space President and CEO Bruce Ferguson visited the campus in July and gave a presentation about his company to Northwest faculty.

Ferguson said he received a very positive response from the trip and has felt positive about all of his meetings with Hubbard and other University officials.

Two other states, Iowa and Michigan, have also expressed interest in the company, but Ferguson said most discussions have been with Northwest.

"The commitment to biotechnology by the University's administration and faculty and their willingness to work with the corporate sector is very attractive to us," Ferguson said. "Missouri to this point has been, and still is, a very strong contender."

Hubbard believes the school is attractive to companies like Edenspace because of its track record concerning alternative fuel, and the fact that Northwest is located in the middle of the Corn Belt.

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## Journal accepting submissions

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While discussing name possibilities for their new literary publication in the J.W. Jones Union, a lunch lady accidentally dropped a box of plastic medium weight forks on the floor.

The name just stuck.

"Medium Weight Forks," Northwest's art and literary journal, is now accepting submissions of short fiction, non-fiction, poetry and artwork for their 2006 edition, with a deadline of Feb. 20.

Starting out as a photocopied, stapled, hand-drawn compilation in 1997, the publication evolved into a nearly 100-page paperback showcase of Northwest student creative work.

"It truly is a celebration of all that Northwest students do," faculty advisor John Gallaher said.

Though the publication typically receives more than 100 submissions, entries are down this year, a deficit that worries Editor in Chief Rosetta Ballew.

"We have hit a stalemate; there aren't very many submissions at all," Ballew said.

All submissions are subject to a blind selection

process where names are removed from entries and editorial teams discuss and choose what will appear in the publication.

Editors refuse to censor writers or artists. Therefore, everything from offensive language to risqué artwork sometimes decorates pages. Students are responsible for choosing all content.

"It's important to know that the publication is truly theirs," Gallaher said. "If there is ever a problem they take the heat."

"...This is their baby. All the credit resides with them. It's our job as advisors to help them if they stumble but not to push them along."

The journal receives no funding from Northwest. For many years "Medium Weight Forks" relied solely on internal fundraising to raise printing costs. However, this year, the English department contributed \$2,000 in exchange for members to help recruit high school students to Northwest's English Department.

The group will travel to five high schools March 2 and 3, speaking to students and passing out Northwest literature.

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**JAMES ARTHUR** now sits in a Northwest classroom. This time next year he will be sitting somewhere on the other side of the world. As part of his scholarship Arthur must travel and remain outside North America for a year.

## Northwest instructor gets chance to see world

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He's been given an ultimatum.

James Arthur, instructor of English at Northwest Missouri State University, has received the 2006-2007 Amy Lowell Poetry Travelling Scholarship for \$47,000.

The Amy Lowell Travelling Scholarship will provide Arthur with an opportunity to travel the world; however, one stipulation of the scholarship states that the recipient cannot come back to North America for an extended period of time during the year.

Arthur will gladly take the experience of getting to travel around the world. He said the scholarship will allow him to be a full-time writer.

"It's one thing to write novels, because people buy novels," he said. "With poetry, getting an opportunity to write poetry for a living is pretty rare."

Arthur plans to spend his year traveling to Japan, Hong Kong, Greece, Crete, Budapest, Prague and Istanbul before staying to write in Paris.

When it comes to traveling and experiencing new places, Arthur said developing his imagination is essential to his writing.

"When you're a writer, developing your imaginative life is your job," Arthur said. "I came here from Seattle. In Seattle, on a clear day you can see the Cascade Mountains and it's really impressive. These snow-capped mountains over the city skyline, but then it gets to a point and you get used to it. Once you're relationship to something becomes that kind of relationship I wouldn't be able to write poems about mountains at that point."

Arthur grew up in a family of intellectuals. His parents live in Toronto where his mother, Penny, conducts research in French literature and his father, James, is serving a term as president of the American Mathematical Society. His young brother, David, is a graduate student at Stanford University.

Arthur's poetry has appeared in *The Nation*, *Brick*, *The Iowa Review*, *AGNI*, *Third Coast* and *Many Mountains Moving*. He has held a number of residency-fellowships including the MacDowell Colony, La Napoule Art Foundation in France and the Yaddo artist community.

Arthur said that the artist colonies provide housing and food for artists to live on for approximately

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## CAMPUSBRIEFS

**Students dust off resumes for Spring Career Day**

Northwest's biggest career-oriented event of the academic year, Spring Career Day, will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, in Bearcat Arena.

Representatives from about 100 employers, graduate schools and professional education programs will visit Northwest to meet with job and internship-seeking students.

Information about how to participate in Career Day, along with a list of participating companies and organizations, is available at [Info.nwmissouri.edu/~career/sprcareerday.htm](http://Info.nwmissouri.edu/~career/sprcareerday.htm).

In addition, the office of Career Services' "How to ... Career Day" video, containing suggestions about how to make the most of the Career Day experience, will be shown at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom. Groups should make a reservation by calling Career Services at 562-1250.

**AMA hosts 'Irresistible' auction**

The Northwest chapter of the American Marketing Association will hold its "Simply Irresistible" date auction at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom.

Admission is \$2. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association.

**'Monologues' begin tonight**

The Northwest chapter of Amnesty International and the Student Senate will present, "The Vagina Monologues," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, through Saturday, Feb. 18, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Cost is \$7 for students, faculty and staff and \$9 for the general public. Proceeds will benefit the Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri and efforts to aid the "comfort women" victimized by the Japanese military during World War II.

Created by playwright Eve Ensler in 1996, the play discusses how women relate to their bodies physically, psychologically and sexually. It is recommended for adult audiences. For more information, call 562-5578.

**Feast of Cultures celebrates ethnic cuisine, music**

Alpha Mu Gamma and Phi Sigma Iota will host the 14th annual Feast of Cultures at 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

The dinner will feature Spanish, French and Mexican cuisine, as well as a program of Spanish and French music, performed by Northwest music students.

The price for the dinner and program is \$13 for students and faculty and \$16 for the general public. Tickets are available from AMG/PSI members or any modern languages faculty member. For more information, contact Louise Horner, assistant professor in the department of communication, theatre and languages, at 562-1737 or 582-4586.

**Cover art challenge underway**

The Office of Information Systems will hold its third annual "Take the Cover Art Challenge" to select student artwork that will appear on the cover of the next "Computer User's Guide to the Electronic Campus."

The winning artist will receive a 256 MB flash drive and two copies of the guide for his or her portfolio.

Contest guidelines and submission forms are available in the client computing office on the first floor of Owens Library, the CITE office on the second floor of Owens Library, the art/music office on the first floor of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building, the student services desk on the first floor of the Administration Building and the Office of University Relations on the second floor of the Administration Building.

All entries must be submitted to the client computing office, located in room 122-B of Owens Library, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28. For more information contact the Client Computing office at 562-1434.

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**'Healthy Campus 2010' hosts open house**

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Northwest Faculty and staff got the opportunity to receive help in living a healthier life and tour the new Human Resources facility on Tuesday at the "Healthy Campus 2010" open house.

Every member of the Northwest faculty and staff received an invitation to attend the event, which offered maps containing walking distances between buildings on campus, the opportunity to sign up for Great Walk 2006, and door prizes.

In addition, representatives from the "Healthy Campus 2010" program were on hand to provide faculty and staff information on how to keep their hearts healthy.

"The really gratifying part about the Healthy Campus Program here is that we've had active and willing participation from people all over campus," said Virginia Murr, assistant director of health services and director of wellness.

Kris Guthrie, secretary of History, Humanities, Philosophy, and Political Science said was important for the event to raise awareness of the importance of people taking care of themselves.

Dixie McGary, freshman seminar secretary said that the program provided good information and she was



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**DIETETIC STUDENTS** Allie Hampton and Katie Knobbe check out one of the tables at the Human Resource office during the Healthy Campus Initiative open house. Representatives from Northwest Healthy Campus program provided visitors advise regarding heart health, nutrition and fitness.

impressed by what it had to offer.

"Healthy Campus 2010" is a national program that was adopted by Northwest to promote healthy lifestyles on campus, Murr said.

The program involves a number of Northwest organizations collaborating to enhance wellness on campus.

Faculty, staff, and students put together a list of health issues to provide an overview of campus health concerns.

For more information on the Healthy Campus program, contact Murr at 562-1348 or e-mail her at [Vmurr@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:Vmurr@nwmissouri.edu).

**Opportunities to study while traveling**

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If you like seeing other cultures first hand, and want to expand your horizons, you may have a purpose for studying abroad.

Northwest offers many options for people wishing to travel abroad to live and attend school in a foreign country.

Coordinator of the Study Abroad program, Jeaneth Puriel, is living proof of the successes of studying abroad. Puriel came to Northwest from Mexico on a study abroad program. She also met her husband, who came from Canada while here at Northwest.

Northwest students can choose from an array of countries. The most popular

choices, also the most expensive, according to Puriel, Australia, New Zealand and England. Puriel says this because they are English speaking countries.

But language barriers shouldn't keep students from studying abroad, according to Puriel.

"The classes are taught in English," Puriel said. "And usually university students have some level of competency in English."

Joanne Burkert, a graduate assistant in the Study Abroad office, studied in South Korea in the summer of 2004. She said she always wanted to study abroad but never took the initiative to apply.

It wasn't until a friend brought her in to the study abroad office located at IIC

in the Union where she filled out an application that it became a reality and within weeks she was boarding a plane to South Korea to study at University of Ulsan in Ulsan, South Korea.

The Asian exchange program is something Puriel believes is a great opportunity and fairly cheap for students to take advantage of.

According to Burkert, most students, however, don't take the opportunity to travel there because they aren't familiar with the culture.

"I think a lot of people are just scared about Asia, they don't know about Asia, they don't know anything about the food," Burkert said. "Then they hear 'Korea' and they automatically associate it with North Korea, they don't

know the difference between the two. It's becoming more popular, a lot of people now know about it."

Financing a trip to another country and paying for an education while there can be cumbersome, but there are multiple options for handling the costs Puriel said.

Often, students can put the expenses onto their financial aid program. Currently Northwest doesn't have any scholarships to cover the expenses, but many private organizations offer scholarships to handle the costs.

Puriel said the best time for a student to study abroad is in their sophomore or junior year. The spring and summer trimesters seem to be the most popular times to travel, but any trimester is available.

**Mock Interview Day**

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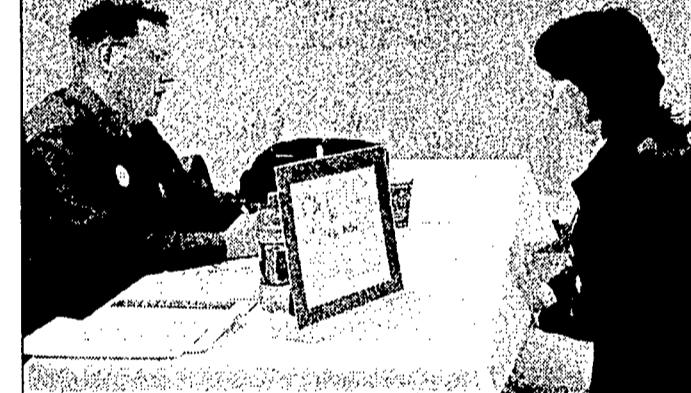


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**JUNIOR AGNESE** Stoyanova meets with Target representative Nate Lane, a Northwest graduate, on Wednesday at Mock Interview Day.

and provide feedback.

Director of Career Services Joan Schneider said it gives students an opportunity to correct their mistakes.

"The intent is to hone your interviewing skills by practicing," she said. "Students do have an opportunity to make a good impression, and a good interview could lead to a job with that company in the future."

Students have been taking advantage of the opportunity since its inception in the spring of 1999.

The growing number of students participating has made the one-day event become a two-day event.

Jessica Scheuler, a senior Advertising and Marketing major said her interview with Enterprise Rent-A-Car went well.

"The lady I interviewed with said it was a three step interview process and that our interview today was the first step," she said. "I had just started browsing and it definitely popped out to me of all the ones I've seen."

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# Advanced phone technology arrives to Maryville

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A new way of using technology is coming to Maryville and it plans to start a new frontier for phone service.

New Age Technology is an in-home business where customers can receive 24-hour personal interaction with certified expert owners through the service without the hassles of a bigger phone service company.

New Age offers a variety of phone services for one monthly fee. It pro-

vides service through Voice over Internet Protocol. VoIP is when the phone service will be channeled through cable broadband and to the public telephone service.

"Small towns are always the last ones to get stuff. So no more waiting for three years to get the newest technology," Karri Genthe, co-owner, said.

Customers purchase a small box, about the size of a deck of cards, which they are able to plug-in to their Internet connection to make and receive calls from anywhere.

The one-time fee for the connector box is \$60 with monthly service fee of \$40. Call waiting and caller identification are included in the service.

New Age eventually hopes to place connector boxes in dorms so parents can communicate and see students through a video conference without being charged for a long-distance fee.

Calls can be made and received anywhere with no fear of long-distance or roaming charges. New Age is able to transfer numbers from previous phones into the new phone to

help businesses make the transition smoother.

"We have locked broadband in as a primary source, and now we are able to offer them (customers) the globe," Nick Henderson, co-owner of New Age Technology, said.

Customers will be able to take their service anywhere they travel. As long as they have an Internet connection and their connector box, they can receive and make calls from anywhere at a local cost.

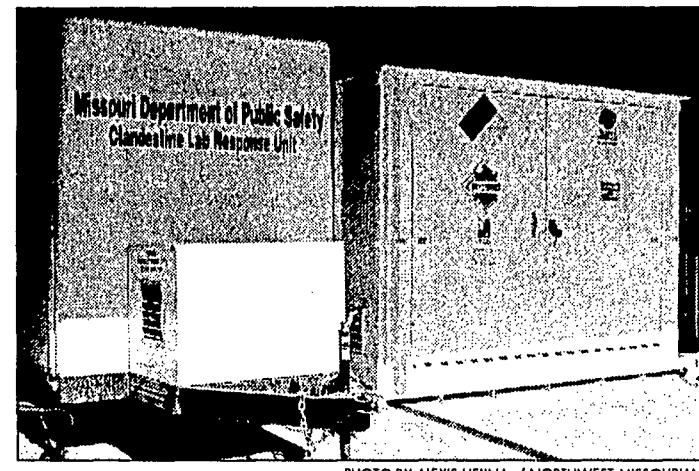
New Age offers additional services such as enhanced 911, video

conference and possibly in the future, Global Positioning System, all with a small additional fee.

Other service locations are in Syracuse, Neb., and supported by systems in Detroit, Mich., and Pensacola, Fla.

The company's mission statement is to be how customers would want a company to treat them.

The tentative date scheduled for opening is March 1. For additional information contact Karri Genthe at (866) 613-5460 or visit the website at Newagephoneservice.com.



THESE CONTAINERS hold volatile chemicals seized by meth busts. Public Safety serves a 15-county area.

## Public Safety stores dangerous drugs

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For the last three years, Maryville Public Safety has contributed in the fight against methamphetamine.

One of their contributions in the fight is storing these volatile chemicals seized by regional drug strike forces and other law enforcement agencies.

Public Safety, in a joint agreement with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), stores the chemicals until they can be disposed by DNR. DNR provides safety training for personnel operating the facility and protective equipment.

Maryville Public Safety purchased the facility with grant money for \$12,000. It is the closest storage facility in the area, with the next closest facility in Kansas City, Mo.

The storage facility is one of 20 in the state of Missouri. The location of the facility was not disclosed, citing security concerns.

Before the program, the cost to clean up a meth lab was estimated at \$2,500. With the storage programs in place, it is under \$200 per bust.

The facility comes at little cost to the city of Maryville. The city must provide personnel to run the facility, while DNR furnishes the equipment and performs routine maintenance.

Public Safety Director Keith Wood says it's a simple process when all departments cooperate with each other.

"Whoever takes down the lab will bring the chemical to us to store," he said. "If they are not comfortable with the material, then our officer will go and pick up the materials."

The Clandestine Drug Lab Collection Station program started in 1997 when then Gov. Mel Carnahan called for a program to safely store the chemicals. Before the program, the state had to contact the Drug Enforcement Administration to clean up and remove the labs.

The first facility opened in 1998 in Sedalia, Mo. Since 1997, the program has disposed of 372,686 pounds of hazardous wastes.

The number of meth labs seized in the state has decreased slightly since 2003. In 2003, there were 2,857 labs seized. In 2004, the number of labs seized

Brad Harris, Head of Special Projects at the Department of Natural Resources, said there would not be a reduction or addition in storage facilities in the future.

"I think the program we have right now is very cost effective," he said. "The meth labs have dropped, but it may be another year before we see the true effect of the recent legislation."

## Baptist church adds extra space

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One area church will soon have a new addition to its current facilities.

First Baptist Church of Maryville began planning to build a new facility in 1999, intending to add on to the educational facility. In January 2004, the church learned that the property on the lot next door was for sale.

The church was out of space and the new facility meets the present needs of the church while opening new doors to the community. According to Pastor Richard Haggard, once construction is started the facility should be finished within the year.

The new facility will allow the church to put a greater emphasis on children and youth, with three stories of space for five classrooms, kitchen space, fellowship and banquet area, storage and a youth room.

"The church has been praying about, studying and working toward (the new facility) for several years," Haggard said. "And now that we're close, everyone is really anxious and excited."

The property used to be

two apartment buildings, Haggard said. After the church purchased the property they contacted Dwight Teter, of Kansas City, Mo., to design the new facility. Teter drew the plans for the new facility and now awaits approval before drawing final plans.

"The project is designed to be compatible with future building additions," Teter said.

The new facility will offer the community a chance to play basketball and volleyball, Teter said.

"This new facility will allow us to provide broader family oriented ministries," Haggard said.

First Baptist Church members are funding the project. In October 2005, the church received pledges from its members, with most money coming from these pledges. Some came from members who have moved away from First Baptist and still want to help. The church is working with the architect to try and lower the cost of the building.

The project plans to add 12,000 square feet to the church and also plans to remodel another 2,000 square feet of the existing structure. Jeff Smith, of Maryville, will be in charge of construction.

## Pub re-opening

By Cali Arnold  
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Northwest student James Sondag has been eagerly waiting for the re-opening. He isn't worried about the changes being made to the establishment.

"That place was so great that they would have to change a ton to keep me away, and I know I am not alone on this," Sondag said.

Sondag said he doesn't believe the other bars in Maryville have filled the hole that The Pub being closed left open. He credits the classy and laidback atmosphere of the business as the difference in the competition.

"I love being able to have a nice conversation with an old professor or staff member over a cold one, or have a students versus professors shuffleboard game," Sondag said.

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## OURVIEW

## Free speech not cheap

No one would deny the worldwide Muslim community a right or a forum to express outrage at the recent cartoons mocking the Prophet Muhammad. However, nothing rationalizes a recent demand by Muslim cleric Nasrallah that Western nations pass legislation abridging the free press.

We at the *Northwest Missourian* hold the press's role as forum for the exchange of ideas as sacred and essential to Democracy. Though we do not all condone the decisions of respective publications to run cartoons defaming a sacred Muslim figure, we respect the individual responsibility of each respective editorial board to act as an autonomous gate-keeping filter.

As members of the free world, and the free press, that responsibility comes inherent with a free press.

That responsibility represents a price the press must pay for a media free bureaucratic gate keeping. The media regulate themselves, for better or worse, because a free press cannot run with the government as filter and editor.

By that conscious self-regulation, the media save themselves from a society in which they become puppets at the whim of our government, and not the premiere catalyst for free expression and speech.

Freedom of speech does not come exclusively with citizenship in a Western nation—it stems from a human right.

In an ironic twist, Nasrallah's own ultimatum that "if this matter [anti-defamatory law] cannot be achieved, that means they [the West] insist on continuing this war" in essence celebrates the simplest beauty of free expression: though one side may use it to attack, the target may use it to defend.

Though our own framers possessed the foresight to forever bind it to our government, these freedoms do not represent an American innovation; they represent a human freedom, uninfringeable and undeniable.

However, Nasrallah—not Europe, and not the United States—would deny a people that simple human freedom that the framers simply made official.

Who represents greater oppression?

IN AN ATTEMPT TO SOOTHE EMOTIONS OVER RECENT CARTOON EVENTS, WE'VE DECIDED TO PUBLISH THIS IMAGE OF A CUTE PUPPY. WE TRUST THIS MIGHT HELP US ALL REMEMBER THE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE...



I'M OUTRAGED!



## Opportunity knocks at Career Day

The time has come for students to update their resumes, iron their business suits and polish their shoes; career day at Northwest Missouri State University is just around the corner.

Northwest offers mock interview days and a career day for students to meet with potential employers and talk about their career. The participation among the students is outstanding.

So what is the concern?

The issue isn't the job placement for students or the availability of jobs; it is the cooperation and initiative of the students to take advantage of the opportunity of

## Just the Facts



Jessica Lavicky  
Managing Editor

employers coming to campus for the real job interview.

Students graduating with a bachelor's degree in the near future will see a 3.7 percent average increase in starting salary, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).

Instead of settling for lower paying jobs, Northwest students should strive to get that top-paying job that they studied for in college.

Many employers come to campus on individual days set aside from career day and mock interview day to dedicate their time to talk to students, according to Rosalie Weathermon, assistant director of Career Services.

However, the campus is having a hard time getting students to sign up for these real-interview days.

The graduating class of 2006 will have the best market in four years, according to a Job Outlook report conducted by the NACE.

They also state that universities across the United States, including Northwest, can expect a 14.5 percent increase in available jobs.

Students should be excited to find that first job. At Northwest, they have multiple opportunities to do so.

Just because the job market is slowly expanding, and just because employers come to campus for days like mock interview day and career day, students can't expect to be handed a job. They need to get up and take the initiative to make that interview.

## Media must maintain certain responsibilities to its readers

Uh-oh. The *Northwest Missourian* ruffled a few feathers again. Too bad they had to belong to a regular contributor.

It seems Our Man, the Stroller, got a little steamed when editors decided not to print the word "whores" in his column two weeks ago. Therefore, the editors opted for the slightly more acceptable "harlots."

I figured the Stroller would understand their position as a contributor of maintaining a standard of decency our community-wide readership could appreciate.

I also figured he would note that "sanitizing" his column failed to alter the perspective of his opinion.

To address his question of whether or not I understand the



Sean Comer  
Opinion Editor

First Amendment, rest easy. I understand it perfectly. However, I understand something else that I now doubt the Stroller does: with rights, come responsibilities.

The *Northwest Missourian* upholds a certain standard of decency, which we base in part on the readers who directly and indirectly make the *Northwest Missourian* possible.

Recently, the *Northwest Missourian* caught some severe backlash after running a cartoon depicting a semi-nude Condoleezza Rice.

Readers responded negatively in droves to the depiction of nudity in any context.

In doing so, they sent a message, and a reminder: when one wants to successfully produce a product for an audience, the audience invariably reserves the right

to remind the producers on whom their success or failure hinges.

In a further sense, if a paper loses those readers, advertisers won't have an incentive to buy space from them. Without advertising revenue, the publishers, editors and staff don't have a paper.

Through focus groups, letters to the editor and word-of-mouth feedback, the *Northwest Missourian* gains a fairly accurate perspective of the standard of decency expected of us by the surrounding community.

Based on that, if this paper wants to maintain an audience to write for, editors have a duty as "gate-keepers" to ensure a product readers find acceptable.

No readers means no advertisers. That means no paper—and by extension, no Stroller.

Now here's the kicker: I don't consider the Stroller an official staff member of this paper.

However, since his work runs in the same publication as that of the other editors and staff members, one could argue that it should be subject to the same standards of our staff manual as anyone else's work. Under those guidelines, a staff writer or editor would've had to remove the same word from any other piece.

Since the Stroller wants to play free-speech hardball, let's go one better. Take a good look at Miller v. California—more specifically, read up on something called the "LAPS test."

It provides for local prevailing standards to be applied to material, in determination obscenity, with "LAPS" denoting that the material lacks serious Literary, Artistic, Professional or Scientific value. The Supreme Court ruled on *Miller* in 1973.

To put in perspective, Mr. Stroller, that would be PJJ—Prem Janet Jackson.

Let me really drive this point home: the framers established the First Amendment to ensure the government couldn't eliminate certain ideas from the marketplace.

As established above, the Supreme Court later elaborated that obscenity and vulgarity don't fall under protected speech, until the Court later rules in reverse.

But really, that's all moot, because no part of the government censored anything in this instance; the *Northwest Missourian* censored itself.

I reserve the right to protect interests of this paper—and, in some instances, cover my own rear-end—by "sanitizing," to use the Stroller's term, the product to make it acceptable to the readership at large.

The First Amendment makes what journalists do possible. But consistent gate-keeping standards make everything work.

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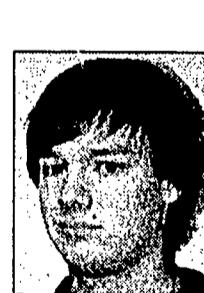
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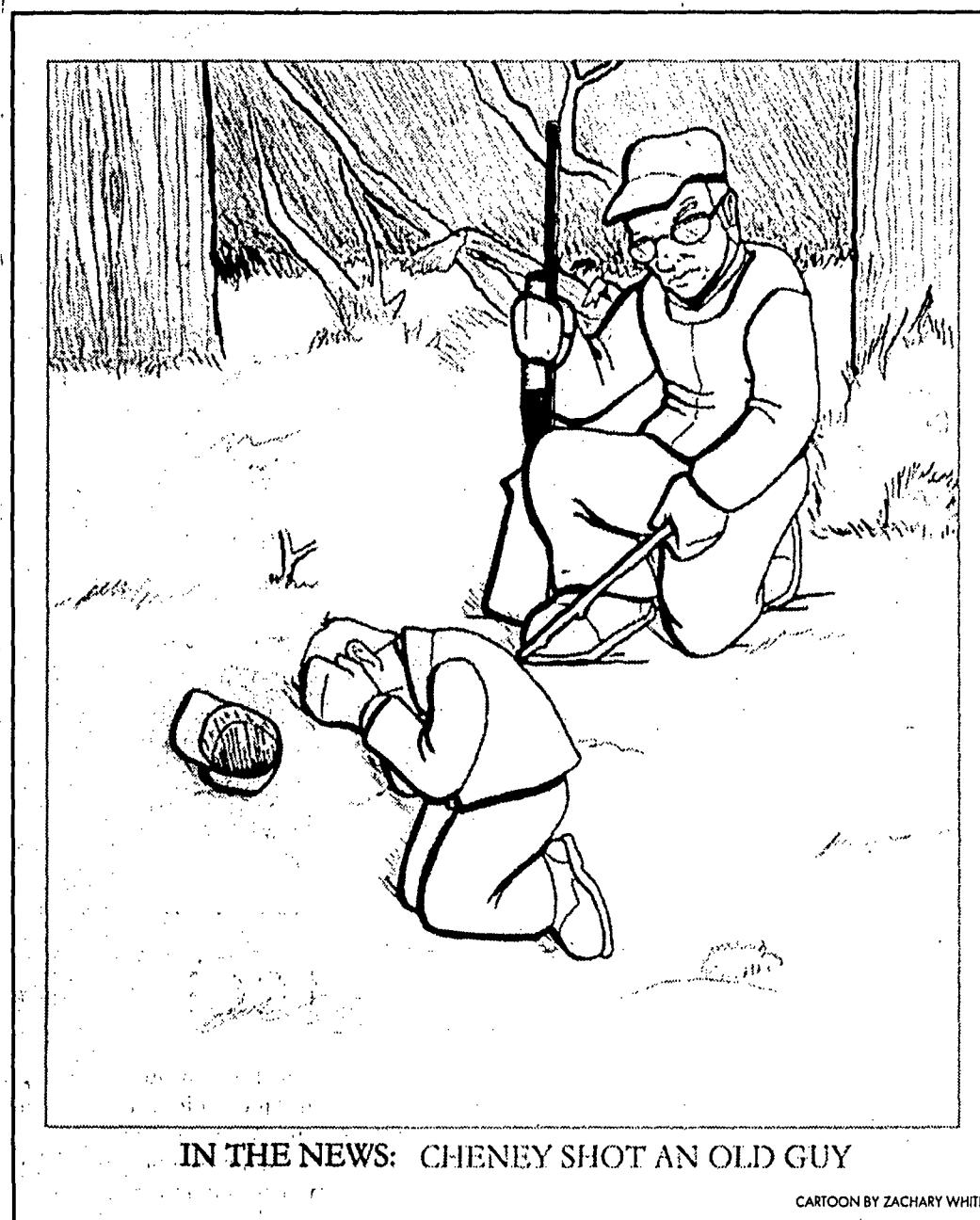


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IN THE NEWS: CHENEY SHOT AN OLD GUY

CARTOON BY ZACHARY WHITE

## MAIL CALL

Good Afternoon-

Hope this finds you all doing well!

Wanted to let you know that I have placed another check in the mail today to Eunice, La. This check is in the amount of \$2,175. Congratulations to everyone for continued work toward this worthwhile cause.

To date, we have sent \$17,975 to Eunice for Hurricane Relief Efforts! Way to go!

**Deb Powers**  
Healthy Communities Manager  
Heartland Foundation

Deb,

As Grady on Sanford & Son would say, "Good Goobly Goop!" You folks are amazing! It's so good to hear from you. Pat was just commenting that the needle on the relief fund gauge was on "E." Every month that goes by gets better and better. Rebuilding continues and hope is high.

I heard about a special experience that happened at

Eunice High School this past week. Apparently there was a school assembly and at one point during the program evacuee children (attending EHS) were allowed to speak. I'm told it was a very emotional experience for the entire school (approx. 1,100 kids and faculty). The evacuee kids expressed their gratitude for the help they've received and for everything that everyone has done for them -- THAT INCLUDES MARYVILLE! These children are the direct beneficiaries of YOUR effort. Some have a bed to sleep in because of YOU. Others have school supplies and school uniforms because of YOU. Many families received washers and dryers, furniture and other household items because of YOU. I'll try to get more details about the assembly, but I wanted to at least tell you the little bit I know. So, stand tall Maryville! Your hustle and dedication has helped to pave new paths for hundreds of families whose paths had crumbled to pieces.

Thanks for the invite to Missouri. I would love to make the trip up there, and I know there are many others who feel the same way. I'll put some thought into when might be a good time for us and we'll talk more to you guys about it too.

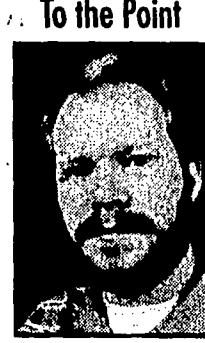
Dwight Jordon  
Eunice, La.

## Many Northwest students apathetic

2006 is an election year, but I promise you that many students at our fine institution are unaware of this. In fact, I know at least one student (who was on the academic honor roll) that gave me a puzzled look and replied, "There's an election this year?" when I asked if she had registered to vote. Mind you, this was in 2004. I'm sure some of you reading this are thinking "And?" My point is that maybe I should have kept my mouth shut or

she wouldn't have help re-elect President Bush.

Actually, my point is that we are fortunate enough to live in a democratic country where all citizens should be heard at the polls. Unfortunately, not nearly enough of our students care about or understand the issues all of us face. My opinion is that most students don't understand the problems of this country on even a rudimentary level to solicit intelligent thought or discussion.

Dustin Boone  
Contributing columnist

Starting Feb. 23, the blotter will appear in the last issue of each month.

Check out the Northwest Missourian for the complete blotter.

It will be in the Friday before the last issue of each month.

## Transforming health care

Every day millions of lives are touched by an encounter with our health care system.

From a benign visit to one's doctor for a well-baby checkup to a health event at a vulnerable time in one's life, such as a severe illness or death, our health care delivery system is at work 24-7, 365 days a year.

The advances in technology, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and training of health care providers have substantially improved over the last few decades.

This had led to breakthroughs in how care is delivered and improved prospects for recovery. The miracles of modern medicine stemming from marketplace ingenuity and innovation are second to none.

Even with these advances, the cost, quality and accessibility of health care—the "iron triangle"—have become major legislative and policy issues at both the state and federal levels.

### Capitol Report



Brad Lager

State House Representative

We have experienced substantial increases in the costs of health care thereby placing considerable burdens on federal, state, employer and household budgets.

If these trends continue, the quality and accessibility of health care will be at risk. America's position as the world's leader in health care does not mean that it is without flaw.

In fact, almost everyone, at some time or another, agrees that we ought to "fix the health care system"—a seemingly directionless phrase, but popular with "experts," pundits and politicians.

Our current challenges are not unsolvable, but they will take a lot of work, tough choices and vision. As consumers we don't think twice about the price of a health care service or good, especially when it is paid for by a third party.

It cannot be denied that the health care marketplace is extensively regulated, that third-party payment systems distort incentives, that the

lack of transparency in prices and quality measures limit the effectiveness of competition, and that societal attitudes towards health care are different from other goods and service sectors.

The next generation health care delivery model will have to address these barriers and allow consumers of health care to have greater leverage in the marketplace.

The new model must focus on the prevention of health problems and management of chronic diseases while expanding the role of technology to eliminate paper errors and assist with the transparency of price and quality measures for health care services, goods and providers.

Despite our current challenges in health care, America still has the best and safest, health care delivery system in the world.

As we move forward, we must challenge ourselves with new vision for "transforming," versus "reforming," our health care delivery system.

By being innovative, creative and determined, I believe we can create a health care model that ensures affordable, accessible health care for our future.

## 'Blight' needs definition

### Governor's Desk



Matt Blunt

Governor

The work of the task force will provide the general assembly with a solid foundation for improving Missouri's eminent domain laws.

Under current law a property must be "blighted" to qualify for eminent domain, but what exactly that entails just is not clear.

I believe this definition needs to be changed to ensure property owners' rights are respected.

There has been a great deal of discussion about how we might redefine blight for eminent domain, and they will continue throughout the legislative session.

I think we will be able to come up with a better definition of blight for eminent domain because of the

recommendations and discussions of the task force.

I also believe that the definitions of public use and good faith negotiations need to be changed.

If the general assembly enacts my task force's recommendations, I believe they will go a long way in curbing eminent domain abuse in our state.

It is vital that the legislature enact measures that respect and protect the rights of Missourians to own property.

I am committed to passing good legislation this year to better protect homeowners, family farmers and small business men and women.

I will not consider the legislative session complete until the general assembly enacts legislation ending the abuse of eminent domain in our state.

## 'Valley of the Wolves: Iraq'

### Political Conscience



Ky Sebastian Kessler

Contributing columnist

In the past few weeks, the Danes have attracted a great deal of animosity from the Arab world over the cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad published in the Danish press.

Many Americans are naturally relieved to have Arab anger temporarily directed elsewhere; however, this may not last for long.

A little-known Turkish film released last week will undoubtedly draw that unwanted attention back to the United States and its forces in Iraq.

"Valley of the Wolves: Iraq," the most expensive Turkish film to date, depicts the abuse of Turkish peacekeeping forces by U.S. soldiers in northern Iraq and a Turkish man's attempt to avenge that abuse. The protagonist, Polat, is a Turkish military officer that receives a suicide letter from his friend.

As the letter explains, his friend killed himself following the abuses inflicted upon him by American soldiers.

In response, Polat travels to Iraq to avenge his friend. Throughout the film, American acts of cru-

elty are depicted, including the Abu Ghraib prison scandal.

American soldiers under the control of Sam Marshall, played by Billy Zane, commit atrocities on the populace of Iraq such as opening fire on a wedding party and a mosque.

Many of the victims of this are taken to Abu Ghraib, where their organs are removed by a Jewish-American doctor, played by Gary Busey.

Polat eventually meets up with Zane's character and kills him and his men, restoring peace to that section of northern Iraq.

The film, released last Friday in Turkey, was greeted positively with record crowds. Set to show in the rest of the Middle East soon, the film will likely stir up a great deal of controversy, anger and perhaps even violence against Americans.

The anti-Semitic elements in the movie, namely the negative depiction of the Jewish-American doctor, will provoke even more hostility towards Jews and the state of Israel.

Many factual events are

depicted in the film, despite some overt exaggerations. The removal at gunpoint of Turkish allied forces at Sulaymaniyah by the 173rd Airborne Brigade did in fact take place, as well as the Abu Ghraib abuses, albeit not necessarily in the fashion depicted in the film.

With the mix of fact and fiction, American interests and the country's image abroad are further in jeopardy with the release of this film.

For this reason, American and international press have paid little attention to the film in lieu of the *Jyllands-Posten* uproar.

In the coming weeks, expect to hear more concerning this film and its reception in the Middle East.

Americans had better enjoy this brief respite from Arab hatred.

After the Danish cartoon furor subsides, Americans must be prepared to resume their role as the chief figurehead of hatred in the Islamic world. This dubious position will no doubt be aided by the anti-American message seen throughout "Valley of the Wolves: Iraq."

With a volatile situation in the Middle East, "Valley of the Wolves: Iraq" may start a major chain reaction that will plunge the entire region into further chaos.



PHOTO BY DENNIS SHARKEY / NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

**HARRIS-STOWE** State University President Henry Givens testified Tuesday that capitol improvements for his school are not just important for the school and the students, but they are also important to the community surrounding his school.

## BIOLOGICS: Procedures, process in question concerning recent MOHELA decisions

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Edenspace last month signed a deal with the department of energy to explore ethanol production. Corn is used to make ethanol.

"We have credibility, the experience base and knowledge base to move this sort of thing forward," Hubbard said. "There are people doing research on things, but making it work commercially, or like we do here at Northwest is another story."

However, on Tuesday, Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon filed a lawsuit against the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority

(MOHELA) for violations against Missouri Sunshine Laws.

Nixon believes that 12 different violations occurred with closed door and secret meetings among MOHELA's board members.

Hubbard said the lawsuit pertains to procedures decisions made by MOHELA, and has nothing to do with the merit of Blunt's proposal.

Hubbard believes time remains to resolve these issues before the August 1 deadline, set by Edenspace for a decision, but any delays are not needed.

"Certainly a delay is not good for us when dealing

with potential clients for our biologics center," Hubbard said. "It has to get resolved but I just don't know how quickly."

Ferguson said his company is fully aware of the problems faced by Ventria Biosciences trying to move to Northwest.

He said all of those issues would be looked at in the decision process.

"We were somewhat concerned that Ventria had some difficulty settling down there," Ferguson said. "We are not certain about all of those difficulties, but all factors will be considered as they concern Edenspace."

## MOHELA: Northwest is front runner

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capitol improvements."

Senate Minority Floor Leader and Senate Education Committee member Chuck Graham D-19 said he supports the governor's list of original projects outlined in his proposal but said many other people in the capitol have ideas.

Graham also believes the governor does not have the legal authority to put MOHELA assets into the state's treasury, and said legislation must happen for MOHELA assets to be used for anything other than funding student loans.

"I do like his (Blunt's) list of original projects, but almost 200 people have different ideas on how to spend the money," Graham said. "Right now under current law, the governor's plan doesn't work."

## BLACK HISTORY:

### Lecture on achievement

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critiqued our plans and met with our students. He's an excellent speaker."

In 1998, Franklin was honored as one of the 100 Most Influential African Americans in Kansas City. He received a master's degree in counseling and behavioral studies from the University of South Alabama and a Ph.D. in counseling and educational psychology from Kansas State University.

Lambert said the event, though a part of Black Achievement Month, is open.

"His message is universal," she said.

## FORKS: Creative publication seeks additional writers

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Currently, the organization holds "Cult Classics in Colden," a movie-night series with free admission. Instead the group sells snacks, T-shirts and copies of the previous year's "Medium Weight Forks" publication to raise funds.

"Dumb and Dumber" plays Feb. 28 and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" plays March 14. Both movies will be shown 8 p.m. in Colden Hall 3500.

All members of staff work on a volunteer basis and often spend 10 to 20 hours each week working on the publication.

Instead, gaining an activity to bolster resumes, writing experience and lasting friendships reimburse members for the many hours poured into producing the annual publication.

Additionally, Northwest doesn't have a writing major so the writing, editing and publishing skills acquired through membership in "Medium Weight Forks" proves invaluable.

A copy of the publication with a T-shirt sells for \$18, or the publication can be purchased separately for \$6. The group also sets up stands to sell the publication sporadically throughout the year on the first floor of Colden Hall and in the art department.

Those wishing to work on the "Medium Weight Forks" staff or wanting to purchase the journal should contact Ballew at (816) 695-6682.

Entries can be sent to Mwf@ nwmissouri.edu or a hardcopy can be given to the art or English department secretaries. Contributors receive a complimentary copy of the publication.

## POETRY: Scholarship grants instructor funds to travel

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two months.

"MacDowell College was the first one that ever invited me," Arthur said. "It was the first time that I'd felt that what I was doing wasn't just something that was only interesting to me, but was something that other people could potentially enjoy. That made me feel like a real writer... I will always have a soft spot in my heart for MacDowell."

Poetry is something that Arthur has always wanted to do, but said he didn't realize his true calling until he was 24.

"I didn't really have the confidence to do it when I was in my early 20s," Arthur said. "My heart wasn't really into that (studying English) when I was an undergraduate... I didn't really want to be writing essays, I wanted to be writing poems, short stories. At the university I went to (Toronto), there wasn't any opportunity for that."

After leaving the University of Toronto, Arthur studied fine arts at the University of Washington. While in Washington, Arthur met Rebecca Aronson, assistant professor of English, in 2001 when they were both students.

When Aronson heard of an opening for an instructor position at Northwest last year, she

sent word to many potential employees, one of whom was Arthur. Arthur took the one-year position at Northwest in the fall 2005.

Aronson said that Arthur's scholarship award is exciting and is something the Northwest English department can be proud of.

Maryville has offered Arthur some new experiences and Arthur said he has enjoyed his time at Northwest.

"I think it's cool that when I walk out on the street it's almost inevitable that I'm going to run into somebody I know," Arthur said. "I love teaching in general and getting to know my students, hearing their ideas, that has been the most rewarding aspect of this year."

Arthur said he hopes to finish his book *Perimeter* before leaving and plans to search for a publisher while traveling on his scholarship. As for his long-term goals, Arthur said he is unsure at this time.

"Of course I want to write poetry. But I could imagine doing that in a lot of different settings. I'm 31 now and obviously the question of whether to settle down or keep moving around becomes more pressing the older you get," he said. "I like traveling, but I don't want to miss the boat on settling down either. Hopefully by the end of the year I'll figure that one out."

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## 'Cats blow lead to rival MoWest

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—The Northwest men's basketball team could pick from a number of reasons on why it lost to host Missouri Western 70-63 Wednesday night.

There was the 16-point first half lead they blew. There were the 14 turnovers, the first time all season the Bearcats turned the ball over more than their opponent. Shot selection could also be pinpointed as a problem and then there was the free throw shooting as the 'Cats shot just 14 of 25 from the charity stripe.

"I think it was a combination of everything basically," senior Xzavier Gaines, who fouled out with nine points, said.

Northwest jumped out to an early lead and hit five three-pointers in the first half as they took a 33-17 lead with 6:40 left before halftime. However, then Missouri Western got going. They went on a 18-5 run to cut the lead to 38-33 at halftime.

The 'Cats' biggest lead was six points after that as the Griffons hung tight. Poor shooting and bad decisions helped Missouri Western hang in the game. Northwest made just 2-of-12 three pointers in the second half and turned the ball over nine times.

"I think it was just more us just not really playing together," Northwest's Austin Meyer said. "... They're quick, their athletic and they get through a lot of lanes and everything, but I think at times we played too fast and just turned the ball over."

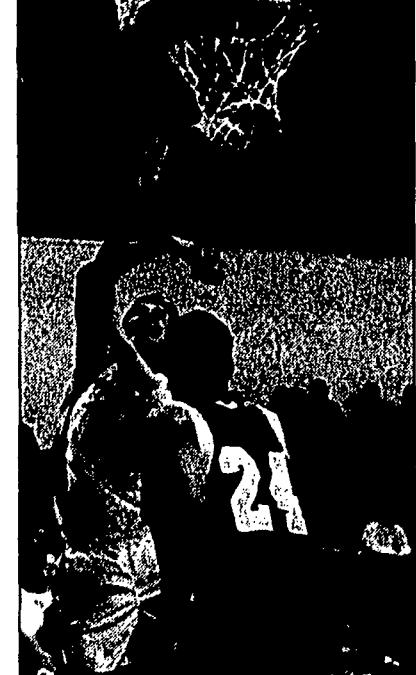
Western's Joe Sisto hit two free throws with 2:51 left to give Western its first lead of the game. Meyer responded with a three-pointer to give Northwest a 61-59 lead. Western again took the lead on a basket and a free throw but Victor James made a jumper that gave the 'Cats the lead for the last time. The Griffons' Jason Warren nailed a three pointer from the corner to take a two-point lead.

After a Reggie Robinson turnover, Western made another free throw to extend the lead to 66-63 with 70 seconds left. Northwest's Mose Howard, who finished the night with 1-of-12 shooting, missed a three pointer on the ensuing possession. Western's Kenny Oliver then made four free throws in the next minute to seal the deal.

"I think we got comfortable with the early lead and they came back," Howard said. "We just relaxed, we let up on defense. Things were going good on offense, we let up on defense."

Meyer led the team with 20 points on 7-10 shooting from the field, while three teammates finished with nine points apiece.

The loss ended Northwest's seven game winning streak over Missouri Western. It now puts Northwest at 17-8 on the year and 8-6 in the MIAA conference with just two games remaining.



AUSTIN MEYER, left, goes in for a layup over Missouri Southern defender last Saturday at Bearcat Arena. Meyer and Northwest will play at 7:30 p.m. Saturday against No. 7 Southwest Baptist in Bolivar, Mo.



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN  
STATE QUALIFIER Cody Gillenwater, on top, wrestles against Luke Lancaster in practice on Tuesday. Gillenwater's weight class is 130 pounds. This is his fourth trip to state.

## Golden dreams

### Four Maryville wrestlers head to state tournament

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A strong performance in the Class 1, District 4 tournament sent four Maryville High School wrestlers to the state tournament in Columbia, Mo., which starts today at 10 a.m.

Among those wrestlers is senior Cody Gillenwater who makes his fourth trip to the state tournament.

He hopes to improve from last year's third place finish, this year he hopes to win state and feels that it can be done.

Gillenwater also knows how to deal with the added pressure of performing at the state tournament.

"If you let the crowd and let the hype get to you then you won't wrestle very good," Gillenwater said.

Gillenwater will face sophomore Victor Moellenhoff from Whitfield, in the 130-pound weight class. Moellenhoff will offer a 17-10 record to counter Gillenwater's 35-2.

Accompanying Gillenwater to Columbia are fellow senior Dexter Partridge, junior Cliff Robertson and sophomore Tanner Archer.

Each of them will be wrestling

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PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN  
CLIFF ROBERTSON, right, perfects his moves in preparation for state competition. Robertson is a junior in the 160-pound weight class and holds a 27-12 record going into state.

### 'Hounds end regular season with sixth place at districts

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were more cumbersome, each wrestler had the talent to move on.

Those moving to this weekend's state competition are seniors Cody Gillenwater (130), Dexter Partridge (275), junior Cliff Robertson (160) and sophomore Tanner Archer (140) finish out the group. Gillenwater is the only of the group to have any experience wrestling at state.

The Spoofhounds placed sixth

in districts as a team, four wrestlers however placed in the top four. Partridge, Gillenwater and Robertson lost in the championship, while Archer lost the third-place match.

Gillenwater went into his match against Tyler Holloway of Brookfield, Mo., with a record of 35-1, only to end up losing by a point. Gillenwater felt he

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Class 1 State Wrestling Championships  
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## Baseball team looking forward to finally playing

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The Northwest baseball team is ready to stop beating up on each other.

For the last six months the team has just been practicing and scrimmaging against themselves. On Friday, however, the waiting will come

to an end.

Northwest is scheduled to play four games against the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark., this weekend.

"I think the first thing is just getting out and playing together as a team," coach Darin Loe said. "When we play in the fall all we do is inner-squad, so we are always facing each

other. So we have to see how that one through nine in the lineup fits. We feel like we have a pretty good idea but you never know until you strap it on the field."

However, the team could be waiting one more weekend for the season to start as much precipitation is expected. If that is the case, the games could be canceled.

Nonetheless the players are ready for the new year to start. Northwest is coming off a season in which they finished third in the MIAA conference with a 34-24 overall record.

This season the Collegiate Baseball Newspapers pre-season poll listed Northwest as 36th in the nation.

see BASEBALL on 2B

# Expectations high for softball team

## Two seniors hope success carries over

By Brendan Kelley  
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In the history of Northwest softball there might not have ever been so much hope and expectations for the team to succeed, as there is this season.

The Bearcats are coming off of a season in which they went 34-27, tying the school record for wins in a single season.

This year's team has already found success as well going 15-3 in fall ball.

"The sky is the limit, in previous years we've always set our main goal as winning conference. Our goal this year is to go to the national tournament," senior Ashley Pride said. "We think that we have that possibility to achieve more than we ever have before because we do have so much depth and a great cast of people this year."

The 'Cats only lose one everyday starter from last year's team and add three freshman (outfielder Megan Simpson, pitcher Nicole Krueger and redshirt freshman catcher Whitney Krystof) to go along with Johnson County Community College transfer, Tristin Brown.

Mixing together the returning players with the new faces has resulted in one of the deepest teams Northwest has had in years, with a number of players being able to play a number of positions.

"We've got all of our defensive positions back and with the people we've brought in I feel like it's the best recruiting class we've had come in," coach Susan Anderson said. "I think it adds so much more depth to the team. We are very very talented and we've got a lot more speed than we've had in the past."

"I also feel like this might be the best pitching staff that we've had, so it will be exciting to see what we can do come spring."

Even though the team is looking forward to the young players on the team stepping up, it might be more about how the team comes together than how talented they are.

The 'Cats are a fairly young team with only two seniors on the team and as a result the attention and most of the leadership responsibilities will be handed to the six sophomores and juniors on the squad.

"Even though we do have a young team we do have a fairly smart team," Pride said. "I think that the chemistry is going to be big for us because we lost three seniors and added three freshman and a couple of transfers, but we're still a really tight group and I think that helps us to bond and to play as a team."

The 'Cats first action will come this weekend when they travel to Conway, Ark., for the Central Arkansas Tournament. The games are scheduled to begin Friday and end Saturday, with the 'Cats scheduled to play seven games.

Pittsburg State, Southern Indiana, Southern Arkansas and Arkansas-Monticello will all be competing in the tournament and provide a good level of competition.

"I'm really looking forward to this tournament, this is the earliest that we've ever gotten started, but I also wanted to do this because we're playing games earlier this season," Anderson said. "We play Emporia and Washburn the second week of March and usually we don't start conference until the end of March. I just wanted to get more games under our belt before we started hitting the conference teams."

"It's always good facing some quality teams in other regions which bring fresh faces and fresh opponents."



NORTHWEST'S LAUREN Williams left, moves around a Missouri Southern defender during Northwest's 70-67 victory Saturday at Bearcat Arena. The Bearcats play next at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Southwest Baptist in Bolivar, Mo.

## Lack of consistency hurts 'Cats

By Brendan Kelley  
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From the very beginning of the Northwest women's basketball game Wednesday night at Missouri Western it appeared as though the 'Cats were overmatched.

Northwest fought back in the first half, only to fall behind once again to the Griffons.

In the end Western was just too much for the 'Cats to handle as they handed Northwest their eighth MIAA loss this season, 80-67.

Northwest fell behind early 12-2, but used a 9-0 run halfway through the first half to pull within two of the Griffons, 28-26 with 6:23 remaining in the first half.

"We had poor preparation before the game. I don't think

I've ever seen my assistant coaches so mad at my players, because they weren't ready to play," coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "Before the game, two of my assistants came to me and said they're not ready to play."

Despite being down early in the contest, the 'Cats used 14 first half points from Mandi Schumacher and eight first half points from Kelli Nelson to grab a one-point, 39-38 lead going into halftime.

The first part of the second half was a back and forth battle with Western leading by one, 57-56 midway through the half.

The Griffons used a strong performance on the boards, outrebounding the 'Cats 46-37 and grabbing 12 offensive rebounds. Getting beat on the boards hurt Northwest late when Western

missed shots, but continued to grab the rebounds and run down the clock.

"We weren't boxing out very well and they're bigger than us in a lot of areas," Schumacher said. "We keyed on it at practice I don't know how many times, but we completely lost it the second half."

The Griffons used nine second half points from Tera Petersen and a 14-4 run in the last six minutes of the game to pull away and grab the 13-point victory.

"It's hard to take the loss, especially when we fought back and took a six point lead," Schumacher said. "We thought that we were going to clutch this win. They hit a couple of threes and we just really got down. We can't let that happen, we still have to come back."

The Griffons improved their shooting percentage from 36 percent in the first half to 45 percent in the second half. While Northwest dropped from shooting 48 percent in the first half, to shooting just 32 percent in the second half.

Steinmeyer feels that the improvement in Western's shooting can be attributed to a lack of defensive pressure throughout the game.

"The difference was the energy on defense. We showed absolutely no energy on defense," he said. "They knew who the shooters were, but we couldn't get our kids out on the shooters."

The loss drops the 'Cats to 14-11 on the season, leaving them with only two more chances to grab wins before the season comes to an end.

## BASEBALL: Team ready to start

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The Bearcats have 21 upperclassmen on the squad and Loe, who is in his seventh year as head coach at Northwest, believes this team has a lot of potential.

"I honestly feel like this will be the best talent that we've put on the field in the past seven years," he said.

Individually the team will look at its hitting to play a pivotal role in their success like it did last year. Ten players batted at least .300 on the season.

"I think this year we expect to be right around there again setting records, as far as hitting and succeeding in that aspect of the game," centerfielder Will Newland said.

As for pitching, senior Matt

Coons, who was selected second team All-MIAA last season, will lead the way for the starting rotation.

Loe said he feels the added quality depth through recruiting helps the bullpen.

"As far as top end pitching, as well as some help coming out of the bullpen that we didn't have last year, the depth in the pitching, all those things I feel are solid this year," Loe said.

If the weather holds up this weekend Northwest will play a single game at 1:30 p.m. against Central Arkansas. They will then play a doubleheader starting at noon on Saturday and will end out the weekend with a single game at 1 p.m. Sunday. Central Arkansas is ranked 20th in the nation and is 7-0 on the season.



ing the way he did really gave us a lift against Emporia. We are happy for him in earning this honor."

Gaines, a transfer from Division I Syracuse University, scored a career-high 31 points during a 108-101 double overtime victory at Emporia State.

In the two Northwest wins last week, Gaines posted averages of 23 points, 7 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.0 blocks. He shot 48.5 percent (16-of-33) from the field and hit four three-pointers.

He then scored 15 points in a home victory Saturday against Missouri Southern.

Before heading into Wednesday's game against Missouri Western, Gaines led the team with 13.8 points per game, which ranks ninth in the league.

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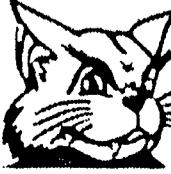
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## SIXTH: Team finishes season well at district tournament

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didn't wrestle the way he should have for him to win the match.

"I just wrestled his match," Gillenwater said. "I didn't wrestle my match, I didn't get ready mentally how I should've."

Gillenwater, who makes his fourth trip to the state tournament, may have to face Holloway again and hopes he can take something from Saturday's match into that possible match up.

"I'm going to wrestle my match, I got to be aggressive and be ready to wrestle," Gillenwater said.

As for the rest of the team that is heading to Columbia, Mo., for the state meet, they will lack initial experience but gain a lot for next year.

Archer earned his state tournament berth after a thrilling match against Colby Morgan of Cameron. Archer was in control for the major-

ity of the match. However he was put on his back during the third period, but didn't allow both shoulder blades to touch the mat.

Archer held on to a late surge by Morgan and won, 14-10.

Archer lost his third place match to Kody Hill of Trenton, Mo., in a major decision, 17-2.

Robertson took the mat for his championship match against Andrew Whitsell of Maysville, Mo., and like Archer controlled the pace of the match. It was a mistake by Robertson late in the third period that doomed him, giving the win to Whitsell.

"We were tied up and I took a bad shot, didn't hold onto it and he got some points on me," Robertson said. "I knew I had to get a switch or get up and get away, neither one happened."

In the last match of the

tournament, Partridge faced off against Zach Kinnison of Trenton, Mo. The match was close until the second period when Kinnison used his size to hold Partridge down and pin him to end the match.

Partridge ripped through a tough field knocking off the number one seed from in the semi-finals.

"We've had a lot of faith in Dexter all along," Drake said. "He's just had a mental block."

The 'Hounds also had good performances out of Luke Lancaster, Dakota Merrill and Eligio Littrell, who lost their matches that would have put them into state.

Drake said he was proud of the performance of the younger kids on the team. He feels that they gained valuable experience and knowledge from last weekend and hopes they will carry that into next season.



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / PHOTO EDITOR

**SOPHOMORE TANNER ARCHER**, on bottom, works with fellow state qualifier Cody Gillenwater in preparation for the state competition, which begins on Thursday. Tanner will enter competition after getting the fourth and last spot out of districts.

## STATE: Four Maryville wrestlers hope to find gold at state tournament in Columbia, Mo.

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in their first state tournament.

Both Robertson and Archer said they aren't sure what to expect. But they do agree that the competition will be the best they've seen since; everyone there had to qualify for the tournament in their respective district.

Archer, who enters competition as a low seed in the 140-pound weight class, will be wrestling a top seed from another district after placing fourth in districts.

"He undoubtedly got the toughest match on paper," Maryville wrestling coach Joe Drake said. "What happens we'll only know when he starts wrestling."

His first round opponent will be senior Jesse Hulett from Lafayette County who comes in to competition with a 38-3 record; Archer brings a 20-18 record to the match.

Robertson had a strong regular season finish to this season and hopes that will carry into the state tournament. He hopes to bring aggression into his first match and wants to control the pace of the match.

He explained just how much pressure was taken off of him after he stamped his ticket to state.

"I felt relieved, like a weight was lifted off my shoulders," Robertson said.

Robertson, who brings in a 27-12 record, obtained a good draw because of his finish in districts. He will face Nathan Bright of Booneville in the 160-pound weight class. Bright carries a 31-6 record.

At the heavyweight division Partridge overcame great competition to win a trip to state. The field of competition was rather tough. The pre-district seedings showed seven of the top ten heavyweights are in Maryville's district.

Partridge stunned the top seed in the semi-finals on his way to a state tournament berth. He, like Robertson and Gillenwater, will have a good draw after placing high in districts.

Partridge, who has a 27-10 record, will take on senior Hector Sada out of Missouri Military Academy. Sada holds a 10-9 record.

Drake said Partridge has had a good year, which is encouraging after he broke his ankle last year and missed most of the season.

Gillenwater said he is looking forward to state because it will be the last time he gets to wrestle for Drake and hopes he can perform well for him.

### A QUICK LOOK AT STATE

#### 130-pounds

**Cody Gillenwater, Sr. (35-2)** vs. Victor Moellenhoff, So. (17-10) of Whitfield. Will start approx. 10:15 a.m. today.

#### 140-pounds

**Tanner Archer, So. (20-18)** vs. Jesse Hulett, Sr. (38-3) of Lafayette County. Will start approx. 10:25 a.m. today.

#### 160-pounds

**Cliff Robertson, Jr. (27-12)** vs. Nathan Bright, Jr. (31-6) of Booneville. Will start approx. 10:40 a.m. today.

#### 275-pounds

**Dexter Partridge, Sr. (27-10)** vs. Hector Sada, Sr. (10-9) of Missouri Military Academy. Will start approx. 11:15 a.m. today.

All first round winners won't wrestle until Friday, beginning at 9 a.m.

For those that lose their first round match, they will go to the wrestle-back round that will begin this afternoon.

The tournament is double elimination.

All matches will be held at Mizzou Arena in Columbia, Mo.

## Henry breaks school record

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The Northwest track team had an unexpected surprise Saturday at the Mule Relays in Warrensburg, Mo. A sophomore broke a school record held by a current teammate.

Northwest Sophomore Hannah Henry broke a school record with a time of 9.37 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles. Audrey Bailey, who had a time of 9.39 seconds in the MIAA championship last year, previously held the record. Henry would go on to finish 10th in the event and 17th in the 400-meter dash.

Senior Alisha Samuel placed third in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.65 seconds. Samuel's third place finish is her third top three finish of the season.

For the distance runners, freshman Anna O'Brien placed third in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:45.20. O'Brien emerges as a premium distance runner as the MIAA championship approaches. The third place finish is her first top three of the season.

The field portion of the event ended with two 'Cats in the top five. Sophomore

Halley Carlson finished fifth in the high jump with a leap of 1.63 meters, a personal record for Carlson. Senior Abby Disselhoff also finished fifth in the weight throw with a throw of 14.62 meters—also a personal best.

Northwest women's track coach Richard Alsup will also be using the meet this weekend to prepare his squad for the MIAA championships.

"We are going to scale down a bit for next week's meet," he said. "We will focus on our main events to improve our times before we compete at the conference championships."

The women's team also saw two other 'Cats set personal records. Junior Megan Robinson set a new personal record in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.41 seconds. She finished 16th in the event.

Senior Jessica Montesano also set a new personal record in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 19:53.98. The time earned her a 10th place finish.

Junior E.J. Falkner placed sixth in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.87 seconds to qualify. Junior Bayo Adio also qualified with a third-place finish in the high jump with a leap of 6' 8 3/4".

Northwest men's track coach Richard Alsup will also be using the meet this weekend to prepare his squad for the MIAA championships.

"We will slim down the squad and look for the kids that will compete at the conference meet and make sure we don't over-race them this weekend," he said. "It will be a great race for us and some good competition."

The successes of Falkner and Adio was not the only highlight of the day. Two other 'Cats placed in the top three of their events.

Junior Eric Isley continued his season with a second-place finish in the 600-yard run with a time of 1:13.15. Isley now has four top-three finishes on the year.

Keelen Green also had a second-place finish in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.16 seconds.

Both teams will conclude the regular season Friday at the Prairie Wolf Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### 'Hounds drop another in MEC

The Maryville Spoofhound boys' basketball team's woes continued last Friday as their offense faltered, only putting up 38 points in a 22-point loss to Benton, 60-38 in St. Joseph.

The loss leaves the 'Hounds still searching for their first conference victory this season.

At 4-18 on the season and 0-5 in the MEC, this season has been a struggle for Maryville and the opportunities to grab another win are growing fewer and fewer.

The 'Hounds will take the floor next on Thursday at Savannah High School with the freshman match-up starting at 5 pm and J.V. and varsity to follow.

#### Girls' 'Hounds plagued by injuries, illnesses

The injury-plagued Maryville Spoofhounds girls' basketball team was defeated by Nebraska City Tuesday night 68-35.

The 'Hounds had to overcome injuries and illnesses to key players including senior leading scorer Kim Wolfer Tuesday night.

The loss dropped their season mark to 4-15. Despite the loss, coach Adam Willard felt his team played well and was pleased with the playing time of a few of the girls who don't normally contribute.

Bobbi Austin led all 'Hound scorers with 14 points.

The freshman start at 5 p.m. today at home against Savannah.

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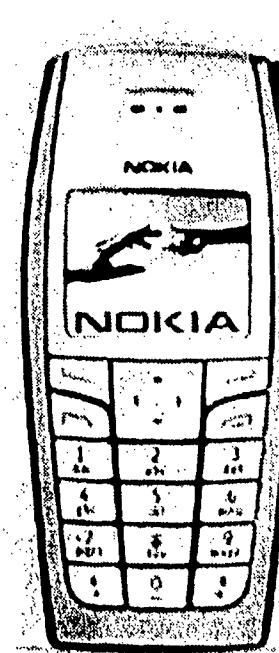
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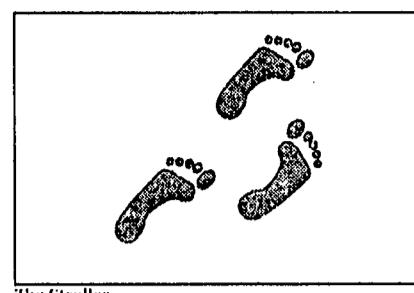
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Tuesday  
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The Stroller

Vaginas. Spread the word.  
Metaphorically speaking, of course.

Usually, Your Man takes the pulpit each week to complain about some aspect of campus that disturbs him, but this week he's all about the vaginas.

The Vagina Monologues have returned to campus, and the publicity surrounds Your Man once again.

Normally he'd be outraged at the very blatant depictions of the female reproductive system that are shown around campus (apparently Georgia

O'Keefe isn't the only artist skilled at making flowers look like vaginas or vice versa). But there's a positive side to these Monologues.

You see, these cooter conversations actually help the community at large. These women in the Monologues will be airing out their concerns for the general public, and in doing so, they raise awareness of violence against women.

What originally began as one woman on stage talking about her feminine physique became a crusade against violence beginning in 1998. Since then, the campaign has become even more popular.

Your Man is almost certain that this is the third year for the Monologues at Northwest. He's not sure, because a Google search of the University Web site only returns one hit—a very brief press release about this year's event.

This concerns Your Man. We cancel school so everyone can travel

to Florence, Ala., for the National Championship, but we keep vaginas on the down-low.

Maybe that's part of our Culture of Quality, cheering for our football time, having quality signs everywhere and deemphasizing vaginas.

Why would we need to talk about vaginas when the Bell Tower already provides a giant phallic symbol on campus? Having both on campus would be too much. We'll just choose not to pay attention to the Monologues.

Anyway, back to the topic. Since the Monologues have come to campus, they've received quite the response. The kids just love it!

You see, the concept is that a bunch of women get up on stage, talk about vaginas for awhile and then everyone feels empowered. Your Man says this phenomenon is just another example of how he doesn't really understand women.

Nevertheless, he says, "Let them speak."

Your Man could crack a joke about female genitalia, but he'll take the high road on this one.

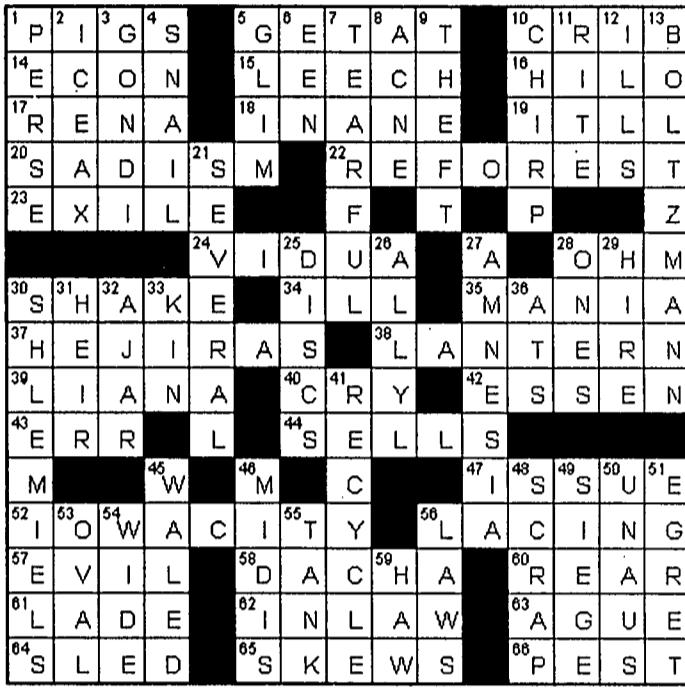
Obviously, this column has taken the low-brow approach to supporting the Vagina Monologues. It's just a stream of mildly-veiled euphemisms that might make the more modest blush, but he's just prepping you for the real deal.

Although the Vagina Monologues are a great program, the language is a little, well, strong. If this article made you blush, go to the Monologues, but expect to be shocked.

If you've laughed endlessly at Your Man's low-brow humor, then you'll probably be okay at the show. Just try not to giggle too much.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



34. King  
37. Aggressive remark  
38. Wombs  
39. Vicious expression  
41. Clergyman  
43. Language spoken south of Lake Chad  
44. In a soaking fashion  
45. Crematory heap of wood  
46. Body of students who graduate together  
47. Collection of things for public display  
49. Betrays  
52. Perjurer  
54. Wrap up  
57. Dismounted  
58. William Howard ----, former President  
59. Pan-fry  
60. Impress forcefully  
61. Plant-sucking insect  
62. Better  
63. Rustlers

7. 20th president of the U.S.  
8. Off-Broadway theater award  
9. Russian nuclear submarine  
10. Thaw  
11. Wood  
13. Less well cooked  
15. Nearby  
21. Female name  
24. Main artery  
25. Chirp  
27. Enormous  
29. Pixie  
30. Fierce person  
35. Celestial body such as Cygnus X1 (1-34)  
36. Gemsbok  
38. City in E Brazil  
39. Sets of programs  
40. Arouse to a sense of danger  
42. Wearing a veil  
44. Ballroom dance  
45. Micronesian island  
48. Passover  
50. Simpleton (Austr)  
51. Cyclical water flow  
53. Small number (1,3)  
55. German river  
56. "Taxation without representation" lawyer

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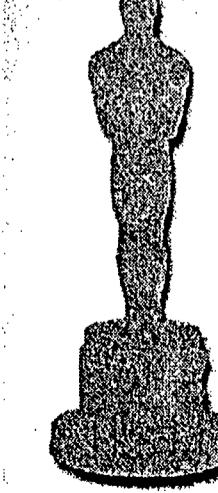
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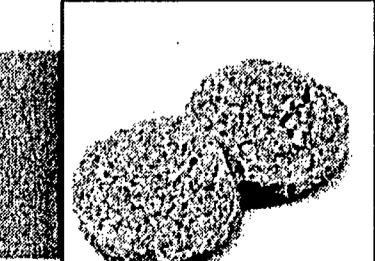
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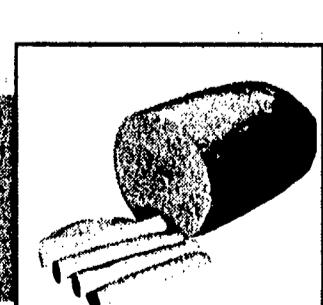
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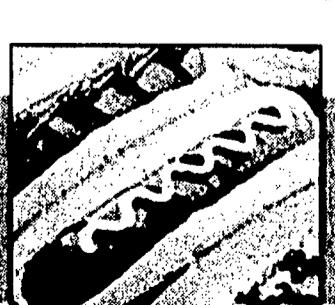
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